

## TWO 9'S—FIRE CHIEF KILLED.

## HE AND ANOTHER CAUGHT BY FALLING WALL IN MOTT ST.

Martin M. Coleman, who was killed by the fire in the Mott street factory, was not alone in his death. Another man, who was also killed, was caught by a falling wall in Mott street.

A "Two Nines" alarm was sent out over the fire alarm telephone system last night for the first time since Chief Purroy got frightened at a small fire on the West Side about a year ago. It was sounded for a fire in the Mott street factory, a fire factory in Mott street, between Broome and Spring streets.

Battalion Chief Martin M. Coleman, one of the newly appointed high officers of the fire department, and Fireman R. J. Joyce of Engine 55 were killed, and several firemen and others were more or less injured. The damage to the property amounted to about \$500,000. The blaze ignited all the city within two miles of the factory, and when it was at its highest flames were observed as far north as the Central Park area at Fifty-ninth street.

Conrad Wiedhoff, a watchman employed by the Hermanns, caught sight about 7:30 o'clock of a bright light coming from the main factory—the northernmost of the 700-foot row of buildings that made up the factory. He ran for the water buckets which were placed along the wall and tried "fire" for all he was worth. Frank Hemmeltter, another watchman, heard his shouts and ran for the fire alarm box on the corner. There had been another alarm sent in from the same building, which is equipped with automatic alarm apparatus, at 5:30 o'clock, a little over two hours before. The firemen who came in response to the first alarm found a chimney fire which they thought accounted for the setting off of the automatic alarm and within fifteen minutes reported "no damage."

The men of Engine 55, which is in Broome street, not a block away from the Hermann factory, found a very different state of affairs on their second arrival at the place. Fire was glowing from the windows on the first, second and third floors of the big six-story building at 160-162 Mott street, high up at the north end of the Hermann works. Between this building and the one on the Broome street corner, which is also of six stories, was a four-story building, not quite as deep as the two others and much older. Through the lower building are truckways leading to the back of the main factory.

THE "TWO NINES." Battalion Chief Langford took only about two minutes to survey before making up his mind that the fire was not a chimney fire, but a factory fire. He sent out the "two nines," which means a fire of the most serious character. He sent out the "two nines," which means a fire of the most serious character. He sent out the "two nines," which means a fire of the most serious character.

At two minutes before 8 o'clock he sent in a third alarm, bringing out pretty much all of his battalion. The alarm was sent in a fourth alarm and at a quarter past 8 o'clock he sent in the fifth alarm. The engines and other apparatus were brought by this alarm. The fire was now spreading in four blocks of the fire. Acting Chief Kruger by this time felt that the fire was spreading in four blocks of the fire.

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These men insisted on sticking to it until the fire was over before allowing themselves to be taken in hand by the ambulance surgeons. The big building and the low building south of it are spouting torrents of flame into the air. Great chunks of furniture and beams end went blazing away from the house, and chunks of fire as big as a man's head fell on roofs many hundred feet away. A few of them dropped as far as the Bowery.

A HARVEST FOR THIEVES. Many occupants of tenements near the fire lost their savings. Just around the corner from the factory on Mulberry street, is the headquarters of the Paul Kelly Association, and other smaller and less noted houses in the neighborhood. Pickpockets from the Bowery and the East Side, thieves from Chatham Square and in fact from everywhere south of Fourteenth street, made their way to the fire and profited.

The Italians in the tenements on all the streets from the fire to the Bowery, and the street carrying their household goods with them. These they piled up on the sidewalks, and the crooks had their opportunity. The Italians, however, were saving in small tin boxes. These, in many cases, were put on top of mattresses, and the thieves never knew just how many of them were stolen.

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## FOUR McLELLAN HAS CHOSEN

## CRAN: TENEMENT HOUSE COMMISSIONER; HAYES, FIRE.

Pat Keenan and Francis J. Lantry Get Their Old Jobs Back—No Announcement Yet About Police Department—Places for Men Who Opposed Murphy.

Mayor-elect McCallan announced four appointments last night as follows: Chief Chamberlain—PATRICK KEENAN, Commissioner of Correction—FRANCIS J. LANTRY, Fire Commissioner—NICHOLAS J. HAYES, Tenement House Commissioner—T. C. CRAIN.

Of the thirty-two appointments outside of his office staff which the Mayor has, these, with that of John J. Delany for Corporation Counsel, heretofore announced, leave twenty-seven to be filled. Col. McCallan said he might make further announcements on Wednesday.

Three of these four appointees are Tammany district leaders, which explains the report of a couple of weeks ago that leaders of the party would be appointed. Keenan, Lantry and Hayes are all Tammany men.

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teenth district, of which Charles F. Murphy is the leader and where Col. McCallan used to live. He wants the job, and is said to have said that Mr. Murphy will make it to him. Murphy will make an earnest fight to retain Charles S. Hervey, who was put there by him.

Tammany gave Comptroller Groat a silver service the other night, but it won't give him this job, said one of the leaders last night.

CHARLES H. KNOX may go back to the chairmanship of the Civil Service Commission. James W. Gerard is said to be Col. McCallan's personal choice for Park Commissioner.

Leader Murphy did not appear at Tammany Hall yesterday, nor did he call at Col. McCallan's house. Quite a number of candidates drifted across Washington Square to the McCallan house during the day. The Mayor-elect is far from settled.

When he gave out his appointments last night it was in a drawing room which was being fitted with book shelves almost to the ceiling, while boxes of furniture, pictures and bric-a-brac, half unpacked, were spread about the room.

Tenenty of shelf room, said a visitor. "You said the Colonel 'plenty for books'."

TAKT TO SEE THE MIKADO. Will Stop at Tokio on His Way Home—Celebrations in His Honor.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. MANILA, Dec. 21.—The Emperor of Japan is deeply interested in the Philippines. He has expressed a desire to see Gov. Taft, and an audience has been arranged for Jan. 4 at Tokio, when Gov. Taft is returning to the United States. The steamer Gaelic has been delayed by heavy weather, and Gov. Taft will travel on the transport Ingalls.

He is the leader of the Sixteenth Assembly district, where he built a \$50,000 clubhouse known as the Jefferson Club. He is 60 years old and was born in Ireland on St. Patrick's Day. His principal recreation is watching the horses at the racetrack. He is independently rich and a bachelor.

His salary as Chamberlain will be \$12,000 a year. He succeeds Dr. E. R. L. Gould, who is Mayor Low's close personal friend and principal political adviser.

When John McQuade died a few months ago, leaving a vacancy in the office of treasurer of Tammany, Leader Murphy wanted Pat Keenan to take the place, but he did not want to assume the task, so Frank O'Donnell was chosen.

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## ARMY CLOSE TO THE ISTHMUS.

## COLOMBIANS LAND ON ISLE OF PINES, CLAIMED BY PANAMA.

American Warship to Watch Them—Every Effort Will Be Made to Avoid a Clash, But Any Attempt to Reach the Mainland Will Be Checked—Our Naval Force.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The information that Colombian troops had landed on territory of the Panama Republic came to the Government to-day in a telegram from Colon, Colombia, United States Consul at Colon. Naturally the news causes uneasiness, as it is realized that a conflict may be precipitated. Every effort will be made, however, to avoid a clash between the Colombians and the United States marines.

Fortunately for the desire of this Government to avoid bloodshed or anything of the kind, the Colombians are not on the Isthmian mainland, but on the Isla de Pinos, or Isle of Pines. It will therefore be impossible for them to make any march into the interior, or, in fact, to land on the Isthmus itself, without the knowledge of some United States naval vessel in Isthmian waters.

The yacht Mayflower, it is understood, has gone to warn the Colombians to leave the island, which is claimed by the Republic of Panama, not only on account of its geographical proximity to the Isthmus but because it was politically attached to the former Colombian department of Panama, now the Panama Republic.

The troops in the Colombian expedition are supposed to be those which left Cartagena, or the mouth of the Atrato River, last week on the Colombian gunboat Cartagena. This number was reported to be about 100 men, but the Government doubts this, probably because of some definite information as to the strength of the expedition which it is not willing to make known.

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## INSTRUMENT FOR PANAMA.

## Louisiana Legislature Unanimously Calls on Its Senators to Favor Treaty.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 21.—The Louisiana Legislature, meeting in extra session, to-day unanimously adopted a resolution calling upon the two Senators from Louisiana, S. D. McHenry and M. J. Foster, to vote in favor of the ratification of the treaty with the Republic of Panama providing for the building, operating and maintaining of an interoceanic canal across the Isthmus of Panama "whenever said treaty be submitted to the United States Senate."

Gov. Board was instructed to transmit copies of this resolution to the Senators before the meeting of the Senate on Jan. 4. Senator Thorpe, who introduced the resolution, was the only speaker. He called attention to the fact that a Democratic Senator's caucus was to be called at Washington by which the Louisiana Senators might be bound unless the State Legislature passed this joint resolution. Its adoption, he said, would strengthen the hands of the Louisiana Senators, who approved of it, and it might have influence with other Southern Senators.

Both houses, which adopted the resolution, unanimously are composed exclusively of Democrats. The Legislature adjourned at noon to-day. The only other business done in its short extra session of ten days was the creation of a bill weevil commission.

TEN KILLED IN "METEOR" WRECK. Fast Train Runs Into an Open Switch Near Fort Scott.

FORT SCOTT, Kan., Dec. 21.—The Meteor, the fast Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas City train upon the St. Louis and San Francisco Railway, which left Fort Worth yesterday afternoon for Kansas City, was wrecked at Godfrey, fifteen miles south of here, at 4 o'clock this morning. The train ran into an open switch, and all the coaches except the sleeper were derailed and turned over.

Ten persons were killed and nearly every person on the train was injured. Several were badly hurt. The Meteor was a four-car train, consisting of a Pullman sleeping car, a Pullman dining car, a Pullman baggage car, and a Pullman coach.

The dead are: John Bell, Kansas City; John B. Luebker, Kansas City; George Hoyt, conductor, Sapulpa, I. T. B. A. Dewees, engineer, Fort Scott, Kan.; Theodore Bishard, fireman, Fort Scott, Kan.; James H. Twyman, Fleming, Kan.; A. Moreland, Lenoza, Kan.; Lon Corbin, Bessemer, Okla.; Joseph C. Bess, Okla.; Oklahoma, Kan.; one unidentified man, whose body was thrown sixty feet into a cornfield.

STOLE DEAD WOMAN'S JEWELRY. A Burglar Loots a Harlem Shoe Man's Safe—Negro Porter Arrested.

A burglar got into the shoe store of H. A. Smith at 203 West 125th street yesterday morning, broke open a safe and stole \$100 in cash and jewelry. The burglar was caught by a negro porter, who was on duty at the time. The porter was arrested and is now in custody of the police.

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## SWIFT ARREST IN RIPPER CASE

## MAN IS TOTTERMAN, ALIAS NISLON—A MASS OF EVIDENCE.

Finnish Sailor Prisoner Identified by the Clerks Who Sold Him His Shoes and His Sweater and by the Hotel People Who Saw Him With the Murdered Woman—His Name and Last Address Actually Left in the Room Where the Murder Was Done—Alibi Soon Shipwrecked—Prisoner Says He Knew the Murderer, but Knows Him Not.

Detective Sergeants Cronin and Hennessy, meshes in the dragnet spread over the city for the capture of the "Ripper" who murdered Sarah Martin at 11 James slip on Sunday, picked up in South street at noon yesterday a sailor with little "fetched" eyes, a blue sweater and new shoes, who, they felt sure, answered the description of the murderer.

The man protested, but they hurried him to the Old slip station, and Detective Cronin called up Inspector McCluskey at Headquarters. While Cronin was talking, the detective sergeant, Sergeant Cronin, who, with Detective Sergeant Chandler, had been sent to Bridgeport to look up clues left in the hotel by the companion of the Martin woman, called up the Central Office from Bridgeport.

"Wait," said McCluskey to Cronin. Then he talked with McCafferty and got Cronin again.

"The man we want," he said to Cronin, "is Carl Nilson, alias Emil Totterman, who was discharged from the schooner Fred B. Balane at Bridgeport on Saturday."

"That's the man we've got," returned Cronin. "Totterman's his name."

"Bring him up," said McCluskey. "The prisoner was landed in the Detective Bureau, and within a few hours a chain of circumstantial evidence had been spread around him that leaves no doubt in the minds of the police and Assistant District Attorney Garvan that they have the right man. The movements of the man since he left the ship have been traced and his ready alibi has been upset. Furthermore, he was identified as the man who went into the hotel with the woman, and he has also been identified as the man who purchased the new shoes and the blue sweater in Bridgeport on Saturday. The wrappers of these goods and the purchase tickets, which were left in the room where the murder was done, were his undoubling."

So, within twenty-four hours Inspector McCluskey made good a statement of his famed predecessor, Inspector Byrne, which Byrne didn't make good himself, that a criminal of the Jack the Ripper type would be caught by the New York police in less than two days. The murderer of "Shakespeare," however, did not leave his name as last address behind him as Totterman did.

BLOODY JACKKNIFE IN HIS POCKET. The prisoner, a stoop-shouldered man with light hair, high cheek bones and a corny, drooping mustache, is about 35 years old, and says he is a Finn. He has been in the city for about a week, and he said, and but little else is known of his story. In his pocket was found a jackknife with two blades, the larger of which was about two and a half inches long, and was streaked with what seemed to be blood. On his trousers was a bloodstain, and the prisoner could not explain the blood. He came from his new shoes bore the stamp of Meigs & Co. of Bridgeport. There was nothing in his pockets, however, and he was brought to the police station. Totterman said that he had bought the shoes and sweater in Portland, Me., about a month ago, when the police said that he had bought them in Bridgeport. Totterman then told of leaving Bridgeport on Saturday, and of staying there all night and on Sunday. He said positively that he had bought them in Bridgeport. Totterman then told of leaving Bridgeport on Saturday, and of staying there all night and on Sunday. He said positively that he had bought them in Bridgeport.

TOTTERMAN SAYS HE KNOWS THE MURDERER. "I didn't kill the woman, but I know who did," said Totterman. "I came from Bridgeport with a sailor man, Fred B. Balane, and he was like that. I got here about 9:30 o'clock on Saturday night and I expected to see a friend. On the way down to the hotel, I and I put on the sweater. I didn't see my friend and I went over to Williamsburg and saw the fireworks. I returned from Brooklyn about 10:30 o'clock, and I went to 24 Centuries slip, where I tried to get lodging. The place was closed and I met a policeman. He said that the door was closed, and he couldn't get any one up. Then the policeman told me to go to the South Ferry Hotel at 10 South street. I stayed there all night and on Sunday. He said positively that he had bought them in Bridgeport. Totterman then told of leaving Bridgeport on Saturday, and of staying there all night and on Sunday. He said positively that he had bought them in Bridgeport.

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